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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today, the prayer will be offered by the Honorable CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

PRAYER

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, as Members of the Senate gather here this morning to conduct their legislative business we implore Your blessings upon them, their families, and their staffs. We beseech You to instill in them a faith that is unerring, a hope that is certain, a patience that is boundless, a courage that is unwavering, a love that is perfect, and a sensitivity and a knowledge that they may accomplish Your holy and true command. Amen.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GRASSLEY). Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair recognizes the Senator from New Mexico.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, in behalf of the leader, I make the following statement.

This morning the Senate will immediately resume consideration of the energy and water appropriations bill.

Under the agreement reached on Friday there are a limited number of first-degree amendments which can be offered during today's session.

No rollcall votes will occur today. However, any votes ordered will be stacked on a case-by-case basis on Tuesday morning beginning at 10 a.m.

There will be a period of morning business today between the hours of 12 and 2 after which we will resume the energy and water bill.

Also, in accordance with the consent agreement, the Senate will begin consideration of the legislative branch appropriations this afternoon at 5 p.m.

Once again, any votes ordered on amendments to that bill will also be stacked to occur tomorrow morning.

Senators should anticipate busy sessions this week with rollcall votes throughout each day and into the evening as we make progress on the appropriations bills.

The majority leader would like to thank all Members in advance for their cooperation this week as we attempt to complete all of the Senate business prior to start of the August recess.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1997

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1959 which the clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1959) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Pending:

McCain amendment No. 5094, to clarify that report language does not have the force of law.

McCain amendment No. 5095, to prohibit the use of funds to carry out the advanced light water reactor program.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I know of no Senators who are waiting to offer amendments. Let me remind them that there are a number of Senators listed as having reserved amendments. Many of them merely state

"relevant," meaning that we are not totally aware of what the amendments are. But we have from 9:30 to 12 to debate some of them, to get the votes set, and to ask for the yeas and nays. Then those votes will be set for tomorrow.

I yield the floor at this point.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The Senator is recognized.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I notice there seems to be a momentary pause, so I am going to speak on a couple of things.

JOE JAMELE—A TRUE PATRIOT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, in a short while, my longtime press secretary, Joe Jamele, will be retiring. Joe Jamele set probably an all-time record as press secretaries of 15 years in my office. I think this is a great compliment to two Italian-Americans, Joe and myself, that we put up with each other for 15 years. We were good friends when we began our association; we are even better friends as it comes to an end.

Joe Jamele is one of those very special people who is a true Vermonter. I remember when I grew up, we always had the debate of what it took to be a Vermonter. Usually, the debate centered around whether your great-great-grandparents were born and raised in Vermont or whether your great-great-grandparents were born and raised in Vermont.

Joe Jamele established it in the best of ways. He earned his right to be a

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